RESOLUTION NO. R- 48-94

the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, authorizing the application for fifty (50) Section 8 Certificates.

RESOLUTION of the Common Council of

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. That the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, is hereby empowered and authorized to make application for fifty (50) Section 8 Existing Housing Certificates for a housing program in connection with a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Rental Voucher Program and Rental Certificate Program Notice of Funding Availability for Family Self-Sufficiency. Such application may be made by the Housing Authority to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SECTION 2. The Housing Authority, by and through its Executive Director, is hereby empowered and authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to accomplish the applications, as herein approved.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and any and all necessary approval by the Mayor.

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August 8, 1994

To

: Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne

From

: Thomas J. Hannen, CPM Executive Director

Fort Wayne Housing Authority

Subject : Approval of Resolution

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The Fort Wayne Housing Authority is requesting your authorization to proceed with an application for fifty (50) Section 8 Rental Certificates and/or Vouchers in connection with the Family Self-Sufficiency Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

We are submitting the required documents for the passage of this resolution. Immediate hearing and passage of this resolution is requested due to the recent receipt of the Notice of Funding Availability and the application period closure on August 25, 1994. It is our hope that by proceeding with this application we will continue to allow citizens who are not able to afford adequate housing the chance to leverage public and private sector services and resources that can help residents of assisted housing achieve economic independence.

Your authorization will allow this to occur. Thank you for your time and consideration.

FORT WAYNE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Thomas J. Hannen, CPM

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SUMMARY OF FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) is one of HUD's Homeownership and Opportunity for People Everywhere (HOPE) initiatives enacted in the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. It builds on the experience of two prior HUD initiatives, the Project Self-Sufficiency demonstration and Operation Bootstrap.

Family Self-Sufficiency mobilizes HUD housing assistance to leverage public-and private-sector services and resources that can help residents of public and assisted housing achieve economic independence. Use of housing as a stabilizing force permits the families to invest their energy in other efforts-including employment, education, and job training--that are necessary to achieve self-sufficiency.

The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Wayne (FWHA) will be required to develop and promote local strategies that coordinate Section 8 rental certificates and rental vouchers and public and Indian housing with existing public and private resources.

The services that may be provided include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Child care;
- Transportation;
- Remedial education;
- Education for completion of high shcool;
- Job training, preparation, and placement;
- Treatment and counseling for substance and alcohol abuse;
- Training in homemaking, parenting skills, financial management, and household management;
- Counseling about rental and homeownership opportunities in the private market; and
- Other services necessary to help participating families become self-sufficient.

FWHA intends to compete for 50 units of a set-aside of Fiscal Year 1991 and 1992 rental certificates and rental vouchers. Approximately 12,000 Secton 8 and 1,000 public and Indian housing incentive units were made available from the Fiscal Year 1991 appropriation.

Public Housing Authorities (PHA) receiving incentive award units will offer the opportunity to particiante in the FSS program to the number of families that equals the number of incentive units received.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 1993, all PHAs that receive new allocations of public housing development funds or Section 8 rental certificates or rental vouchers must operate FSS programs of a size equal to the cumulative number of new units reserved, in addition to any FY 1991 or 1992 incentive award units received.

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Each participating family will sign a Contract of Participation that spells out the services to be provided to the family and the obligations that the family agrees to undertake. Each family's service package will be individually designed to meet its particular need for services, training, counseling, and other assistance. The head of the family must agree to seek and retain employment.

The contract is for 5 years, but may be extended for 2 years for good cause. It may be modified as family circumstances change, if the changes are mutually agreeable to the family and the PHA.

If the family fails to comply with the contract, FSS services may be withheld or withdrawn; in the case of Section 8, housing assistance may be withheld or withdrawn as well.

A family will have the opportunity to save for the future by the establishment of an escrow account. During the term of the Contract of Participation, the PHA will establish an interest-bearing escrow account to which the FSS family will contribute all or a part (depending on the income level of the family) of any amount they would normally pay as increased rent due to an increase in their earned income.

The family may withdraw the escrow account when it has completed its Contract of Participation and no longer receives any Federal, State, or other public assistance for housing. Because there are no restrictions on what can be purchased with the escrowed funds, families may use them to pay for the costs of moving to private rental housing, the down payment and closing costs on the purchase of a home, or additional training or education.

Families that leave the program without completing the contract, violate the contract, or are still receiving housing assistance 10 years after signing the contract will forfeit their escrow accounts.

Family Self-Sufficiency represents a bold approach to helping families leave the welfare system or low-paying jobs and achieve economic self-sufficiency. Residents of public and Indian housing and assisted housing will be given a ladder of opportunity to help them climb out of poverty and create a life of dignity and independence.

The FWHA is looking for an opportunity to participate in this program since the overriding theme of Family Self-Sufficiency and HOPE is to empower people to take control of their lives by becoming independent, productive members of their communities. Family Self-Sufficiency does not simply attack the symptoms of poverty; it tackles dependency on all fronts and replaces powerlessness with the opportunity for a better future.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE CLETUS R. EDMONDS - DONALD J. SCHMIDT - CO-CHAIR ARCHIE L. LUNSEY DAVID C. LONG

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